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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS MARCH 15, 2005

The City Council met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Susan Austin, Robert A. Cushing, Jr., Jose Alexandro Lozano, John F. Cook, Presi Ortega, Jr., Paul J. Escobar, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: None

AGENDA

1. Discussion and action to consider and to express the City's discontent with the proposed site of the Animal Emergency Center's crematorium at 1220 Airway, as well as to voice objections to a proposed incinerator permit to be issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to operate at such location, and to draft a resolution voicing all pertinent concerns regarding public health and safety issues if such a facility is allowed to operate that affect public, homes, and businesses; and to direct the City Attorney's Office to research the issue of creating a moratorium on the issuance of any city permits on the disposal and cremation of animals within the city limits.

2. The City Council of the City of El Paso will retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss and take action on any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072	DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073	DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074	PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076	DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087	DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

3. Adjournment.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN regarding the discussion and action to consider and to express the City's discontent with the proposed site of the Animal Emergency Center's crematorium at 1220 Airway, as well as to voice objections to a proposed incinerator permit to be issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to operate at such location, and to draft a resolution voicing all pertinent concerns regarding public health and safety issues if such a facility is allowed to operate that affect public, homes, and businesses; and to direct the City Attorney's Office to research the issue of creating a moratorium on the issuance of any city permits on the disposal and cremation of animals within the city limits.

Mayor Joe Wardy and Representatives Lozano, Cushing, Cook, Rojas, Escobar, Cobos, Austin and Ortega commented.

Representative Lozano requested a moratorium against the company for the crematorium.

The following City staff members commented:

1. Mr. Alan Shubert, Director of Building Permits and Inspections
2. Dr. Jorge C. Magaña, Director of the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District, stated for the record that the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District had concerns, however, he is opposed to the crematorium.
3. Mr. Jesus Reynoso, Environmental Health Manager
4. Mr. George G. Sarmiento, Director of Planning, Research and Development
5. Ms. Lisa Hayes, Assistant City Attorney
6. Mr. Matt Watson, Assistant City Attorney
7. Mr. Mark Everett, Public Health Administrator
8. Ms. Joyce Wilson, City Manager

Dr. Pete Koplos, veterinarian and representative for the El Paso Animal Emergency Center, commented.

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Motion made by Representative Cobos, seconded by Representative Ortega and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at 11:02 a.m.
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk